

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 723

By McKenzie

A RESOLUTION to honor Dr. David Marion and Mr. Alvino Douglass for their dedication to the Rho Psi Alumni Chapter of Tennessee State University National Alumni Association.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that we should honor those Tennesseans who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their years of service to their community; and

WHEREAS, Dr. David Marion and Mr. Alvino Douglass are two such estimable individuals, who serve as ex-officio members of the Rho Psi Alumni Chapter of Tennessee State University National Alumni Association (TSUNAA); and

WHEREAS, chartered in 2005, the Rho Psi Alumni Chapter of TSUNAA was the first Greek letter organization to become an Alumni Chapter on any HBCU campus; the same year, the members of Rho Psi Alumni Chapter erected the first monument on Greek Row on the campus of Tennessee State University (TSU); and

WHEREAS, the many accomplishments of the Rho Psi Alumni Chapter of TSUNAA include establishing an endowed scholarship fund in the TSU Foundation, receiving the Chancellor's Award from the Tennessee Board of Regents in 2011 for Excellence in Philanthropy, becoming the first Greek letter organization to endow more than \$500,000 in the TSU Foundation, and receiving the Midsouth Region Award for 100 percent donations from members to the President's Stroll for more than ten years in a row; and

WHEREAS, further accomplishments include holding the position of the third-largest chapter in the TSUNAA for the past six years, receiving donations of \$10,000 each from the thirty-ninth and fortieth Grand Basileus of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., Dr. Andrew Ray and

Antonio F. Knox, Sr., and building the first Perpetual Giving Monument to exist on any HBCU campus; and

WHEREAS, Dr. David Marion and Mr. Alvino Douglass have served this organization assiduously, and it is appropriate that we honor them; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor Dr. David Marion and Mr. Alvino Douglass for their dedication to the Rho Psi Alumni Chapter of Tennessee State University National Alumni Association.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.